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FWS ISSUES FISHERY OUTLOOK REPORT FOR APRIL-JUNE

Heavy supplies of edible fishery products during the second quarter of 1952 will cause unsettled markets despite a high level of business activity, according to the Quarterly Outlook Report released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries.

The report predicts a weak market for by-products, fish oils and fish-liver oils, but an active market for fish meal.

As production rises seasonally, landings of fish and shellfish for marketing in fresh or frozen form are expected to reach their maximum for the year, or closely approach it, during the coming quarter. Although cold storage stocks will reach their annual low point about midway of the quarter, holdings are expected to be several million pounds larger than at the same time in 1951.

Exports are expected to be at a lower level than in the second quarter of 1951, while importations of fishery products will continue at a very high level.

A firm or fairly firm market is predicted for such salt-water fish as cod, haddock, halibut, and mackerel.

Steady, or fairly steady, markets are predicted for clams, spiny lobsters, and scallops, but unsettled markets for crabs, lobster and shrimp.

A strong market is forecast for canned salmon. Canned tuna and oysters face unsettled market conditions.

This forecast, prepared by Ralph Russell, economist of the Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries, is thirteenth in the Quarterly Outlook Report series. It consists of some 30 pages and includes more than 50 charts, illustrative of the situation of various commodities or groups of commodities.

Copies of the Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, April-June 1952, Fishery Leaflet 336-L, can be obtained without charge from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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